

SENATE BILL 510

By Ford, O.

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
relative to local health departments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 2, Part 6, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

68-2-611. Notwithstanding any provision of title 63 or 68, any employee of a health department regulated under this part is authorized to take the blood pressure of an individual presenting themselves to the local health department for treatment, diagnosis or assistance on request by the individual without an order from a physician licensed under title 63, chapter 6 or 9. Only those employees receiving appropriate training for taking blood pressure and approved by the local health director or health officer may take blood pressure under this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 2, Part 7, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

68-2-706. Notwithstanding any provision of title 63 or 68, any employee of a health department regulated under this part is authorized to take the blood pressure of an individual presenting themselves to the local health department for treatment, diagnosis or assistance on request by the individual without an order from a physician licensed under title 63, chapter 6 or 9. Only those employees receiving appropriate training for taking blood pressure and approved by the local health director or health officer may take blood pressure under this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.